



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): *Turner et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1646

Application No.: 09/714,882

Examiner: O'Hara, E.B.

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Title: Human *Notch* Ligand Proteins and
Polynucleotides Encoding the Same (As
amended)

AMENDMENT; AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION
DATED DECEMBER 3, 2002

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Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313

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Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Final Office Action ("the Action") mailed on December 3, 2002 (Paper No. 12), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 12 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of two months to and including May 3, 2003, which falls on a Saturday, and is therefore extended until May 5, 2003 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.7, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

Also included herewith are: as **Exhibit A**, a clean copy of the pending claims; as **Exhibit B**, a clean copy of the pending title; as **Exhibit C**, a marked up copy of the original title; and as **Exhibit D**, the results of a comparison of SEQ ID NO:1 and the human genome.